# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



## FISCAL NOTE

#### **HB 1878**

January 24, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Expands the authorized use of sex offender registration fees by the registering agency to include the investigation of sexual offenses and the purchase of specialized equipment for use in the investigation of sexual offenses.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

### Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-39-201 and based on information from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), convicted sex offenders who are financially able must pay an annual \$150 fee to the appropriate registering agency, \$100 of which is retained by the agency to support the administration of the registry and \$50 of which is remitted to TBI. TBI then remits the \$50 to the Department of Treasury; TBI does not retain any portion of the fee.
- Registering agencies include the Tennessee Department of Correction, local police departments, local sheriff's departments, and some prisons.
- The proposed legislation expands the purposes for which the registering agencies are authorized to spend the \$100 portion to include investigations of sexual offenses and the purchase of specialized equipment for use in the investigation of sexual offenses.
- The proposed legislation will not increase or decrease revenues to any of the various registering agencies or the Treasury.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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